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COUNTRY: CHILE

SUBJ: [REDACTED]

2. LACK OF PROGRESS IN THE LEIGH ASSASSINATION
ATTEMPT INVESTIGATION

DOI: [REDACTED] APRIL 1990

SUMMARY: [REDACTED]

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6. [REDACTED] AS OF EARLY APRIL, THE INVESTIGATION OF THE LEIGH MURDER ATTEMPT HAS NOT SURFACED ANY CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE AS TO THE AUTHORS OF THE CRIME, WHETHER IT WAS MEMBERS OF DISSIDENT FACTION OF THE MANUEL RODRIGUEZ PATRIOTIC FRONT (FPMR/D) OR AN EXTREME RIGHT GROUP CARRYING OUT A "PROVOCATION" AND BLAMING IT ON THE LEFT. [REDACTED] EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT THE LIKELY CULPRIT WAS THE FPMR/D FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. IF CARRIED OUT BY THE EXTREME RIGHT, THE ASSASSINS HAD A POOL OF HIGHLY TRAINED/EXPERIENCED INDIVIDUALS ON WHOM TO DRAW FROM FORMER SECURITY SERVICE EMPLOYEES AND MILITARY RETIREES WHO WOULD HAVE CONDUCTED A MORE THOROUGH OPERATION AND INSURED THE DEATH OF THEIR VICTIMS.

B. ALTHOUGH THE USE OF HANDGUNS RATHER THAN HEAVY MILITARY WEAPONS HAS BEEN USED AS JUSTIFICATION FOR THE ARGUMENT THAT IT WAS NOT THE EXTREME LEFT DUE TO THE MODUS OPERANDI NORMALLY EMPLOYED,

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THIS ARGUMENT IS NOT NECESSARILY VALID BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE DRAWN ATTENTION FOR HEAVILY ARMED INDIVIDUALS OR PEOPLE USING BULKY CONCEALMENTS TO ENTER THE BUILDING DURING NORMAL HOURS AT MIDDAY. IN ADDITION, THE LAUTARO FACTION OF THE UNITED POPULAR ACTION MOVEMENT (MAPU/L) EXTENSIVELY UTILIZES HANDGUNS IN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS.

C. ALTHOUGH THE LOCATION OF THE ATTACK IN AN OFFICE RATHER THAN ON THE STREET ALSO WAS USED AS AN ARGUMENT TO DISTINGUISH THE CASE FROM NORMAL EXTREME LEFT METHODOLOGY, IT ALSO MAKES SENSE TO CONDUCT THE ATTACK IN THE OFFICE IF THAT IS THE EASIEST PLACE TO SET UP THE ATTEMPT.

D. LEIGH HAS BEEN ONE OF THE FPMR/D TARGETS LISTED ON THEIR "HIT LIST" BECAUSE OF HIS ROLE IN THE JUNTA AND AS FACH CINC DURING THE EARLY REPRESSIVE YEARS OF THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

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